and upper primary schools through 7422 Block Resource Centres and 70735 Cluster Resource Centres, regular evaluation of student performance, etc.

The annual budget outlay under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has been raised to Rs. 11,000 crores for 2006-07. Each State and Union Territory prioritises funds for quality improvement through its annual work Plan and Budget.

Revision of school textbooks

3031. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether textbooks prescribed for students, particularly those prescribed for school children, are periodically revised and updated to incorporate latest research and development taking place in various fields, particularly scientific fields;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that certain obsolete and wrong information pertaining to medical science has been incorporated in certain high school textbooks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) NCERT periodically reviews syllabi and textbooks in consonance with the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) to accommodate emerging perspectives and changes in curricular areas. Base on NCF-2005, syllabi have been revised and new textbooks are being introduced in a phased manner from the academic session 2006-07. Further, textbooks published by NCERT are corrected and updated before bringing out reprint editions.

(c) and (d) In a newspaper report titled "NCERT's medicine men get medicine all wrong" which was published on 20.4.2006, it was alleged that NCERT textbooks for classes VI and VIII gave certain obsolete and wrong information pertaining to medical sciences. NCERT has already issued a rejoinder and has requested the newspaper to check facts before publishing reports. All efforts are made by NCERT to present update, authentic and

correct information involving experts in the process of developing textbooks. Any mistake brought to the notice of NCERT is examined and if found necessary, necessary changes are incorporated in the reprint/revised editions.

Madarsa Education Board

3032. SHRIMATI SYEDAANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has a plan to set up a Madarsa Education Board to bring all Madarsas under the control of one Board/ Organization and have a common education system for all Madarsas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government had a discussion with the heads of different ideologies like Deoband, Jamait-Ulema-Hind and others to have an exact framework of the Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Lyngdoh Committee for peaceful election of students unions

†3033. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 145 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th February, 2006 and state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of Lyngdoh Committee constituted for formulating guidelines for conducting peaceful elections of students unions and to keep it free from money and muscle power;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) by when a decision would be taken for implementation of these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Lyngdoh Committee is expected to submit its report only to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.